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REMARKS

Claim 14 has been amended. Claims 1-13, 15-16 and 20-45 have been canceled. Claims 46-48 have been withdrawn. Currently, Claims 14-15 and 17 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that previously withdrawn Claims 18-19 and 46-48 are dependent on generic Claim 14 and are, therefore, allowable if Claim 14 is allowed.

Independent Claim 14 was rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,511,917 to Dickson in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963 to Campbell. As discussed during the Interview, Dickson fails to teach the amended claim limitation of a color identifying at least two physical properties of a fastener and visibility. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

If any minor obstacles to allowability are noted which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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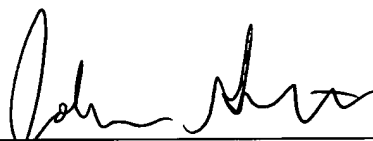
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